GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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FUND RELIEF TO BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide fund relief in the form of reimbursements to BSNL for 2004-05 and 2005-06 to facilitate its working as a healthy public sector undertaking as reported in the Pioneer dated February 3, 2005; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b): Government has approved reimbursement of Rs.1408.9 crore to Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited(BSNL) which is 2/3rd of Licence Fee (excluding USO levy) and Spectrum Charges payable by BSNL in the year 2004-05 and reimbursement of backlog of Rs.591.02 crore on account of shortfall in reimbursement of Licence Fee and Spectrum Charges paid by BSNL for the years 2001-02 to 2003-04. In addition to the above, the Government shall reimburse last and final installment during next financial year, one third of Licence Fee (excluding USO levy) and Spectrum Charges payable by BSNL in the year 2005-06.